On the use of algebraic programming in the general relativity ¹

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Preview

This is a review devoted to some results of Algebraic Programming (Computer Algebra - CA) used in treating several problems of general relativity, based mainly on already published articles (see the references).

The first chapter presents procedures in REDUCE language using EXCALC package for algebraic programming of the Hamiltonian formulation of general relativity (ADM formalism). The procedures calculate the dynamic and the constraint equations and, in addition, we have extended the obtained procedures in order to perform a complete ADM reductional procedure. Several versions of the procedures were realized for the canonical treatment of pure gravity, gravity in interaction with material fields, inflationary models (based on a scalar field non-minimally coupled with gravity) and theories with higher order lagrangians.

The second chapter is devoted to the same problem as the first one, but now we use Maple V platform. In this purpose we present Maple procedures using the GrTensorII package adapted for the study of the canonical version of the general relativity based on the ADM formalism.

Last chapter presents CA procedures and routines applied to the Dirac field on curved spacetimes. The main part of the procedures is devoted to the construction of Pauli and Dirac matrices algebra on an anholonomic orthonormal reference frame. Then we shall present how these algebraic programming sequences are used in the study of the Dirac equation on curved spacetimes and noninertial reference frames. A comparative review of such procedures obtained for the two mentioned CA platforms (REDUCE + EXCALC and MAPLE + GRTensorII) is presented. Applications for the calculus of Dirac equation

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on specific examples of spacetimes with or without torsion and for the study of the non-relativistic approximation of the Dirac field are pointed out, including the search for inertial effects.

Chapter 1

REDUCE programming and the Hamiltonian version of general relativity

1.1 Introduction

The Hamiltonian formalism of the general relativity is based on the (3+1)-dimensional split of space-time - ([1], [2], [7]). For instance, the Hamiltonian formulation and quantization of some homogeneous and inhomogeneous cosmological models [3] needs the complete expressions of the super-Hamiltonian \mathcal{H} and super-momentum \mathcal{H}^i (see below) and the dynamic equations in term of the canonical variables. For this purpose, concerning the great volume of calculations and the division of the calculus in distinct steps it is possible to create algebraic procedures which transpose the specific manipulations of the canonical formulation of general relativity in computer language.

There are some early results in this direction [4], obtained in old versions of the REDUCE language, without EXCALC package. Traditionally, the programs calculate only the dynamic equations and the constraint equations after introducing the canonical variables and their canonically conjugate momenta and do not perform the complete reductional formalism in order to point out the true dynamic content of the treated model.

In the present chapter we shall summarize recent results obtained processing some space-time models with several new procedures realized with EXCALC package (in REDUCE). In fact, here we have a review of a series of articles ([4] - [6], [7]) containing the details of our procedures and the obtained results for some concrete space-time models.

We have extended the programs in order to realize a complete reductional procedure (solving the constraint equations, changing of variables, reduction of dynamic variables, etc.) for some space-time models.

We shall present also the version of our procedures for the Hamiltonian treatment of some inflationary models (based on a scalar field non-minimally coupled with gravity).

1.2 The local form of the canonical formalism of gravity

Here we shall use the specific notations for the ADM formalism [1],[2]; for example latin indices will run from 1 to 3 and greek indices from 0 to 3. The starting point of the canonical formulation of the general relativity is the (3+1)-dimensional split of the space-time produced by the split of the metric tensor:

$${}^{(4)}g_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} {}^{(4)}g_{oo} & {}^{(4)}g_{oj} \\ {}^{(4)}g_{io} & {}^{(4)}g_{ij} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} N_k N^k - N^2 & N_j \\ N_i & g_{ij} \end{pmatrix}$$
(1.1)

where g_{ij} is the riemannian metric tensor of the three-dimensional spacelike hypersurfaces at t = const. which realize the spacetime foliation. Here N is the "lapse" function and N^i are the components of the "shift" vector [2].

The Einstein vacuum field equations now are (denoting by " \cdot " the time derivatives):

$$\dot{g}_{ij} = 2Ng^{-1/2} \left[\pi_{ij} - \frac{1}{2}g_{ij}\pi^k_{\ k}\right] + N_{i/j} + N_{j/i}$$
(1.2)

$$\dot{\pi}^{ij} = -Ng^{1/2}[R^{ij} - \frac{1}{2}g^{ij}R] + \frac{1}{2}Ng^{-1/2}g^{ij}[\pi^{kl}\pi_{kl} - \frac{1}{2}(\pi^k_{\ k})^2]$$

$$-2Ng^{-1/2}[\pi^{im}\pi^{j}_{m} - \frac{1}{2}\pi^{ij}\pi^{k}_{k}] + g^{1/2}[N^{ij} - g^{ij}N^{m}_{/m}] + [\pi^{ij}N^{m}]_{/m} - N^{i}_{/m}\pi^{mj} - N^{j}_{/m}\pi^{mi}$$
(1.3)

where π^{ij} are the components of the momenta canonically conjugate to the g_{ij} 's.

In the above formulas we denoted by "/" the three-dimensional covariant derivative defined with g_{ij} using the components of the three-dimensional connection Γ^i_{jk} and R_{ij} is the three-dimensional Ricci tensor.

The initial data on the t= const hypersurface are not independent because they must satisfy the constraint equations, which complete the Einstein equations

$$\mathcal{H} = -\sqrt{g} \{ R + g^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{2} (\pi^k_k)^2 - \pi^{ij} \pi_{ij} \right] \} = 0$$
 (1.4)

$$\mathcal{H}^i = -2\pi^{ij}_{/j} = 0 (1.5)$$

where \mathcal{H} is the super-Hamiltonian, \mathcal{H}^i the super-momentum and g is the determinant of the three-dimensional metric tensor g_{ij} . The action functional in Hamiltonian form for a vacuum space -time can thus be written as ([1],[2])

$$S = \int dt \int (\pi^{ij} \dot{g}_{ij} - N\mathcal{H} - N_i \mathcal{H}^i) \omega^1 \omega^2 \omega^3$$
 (1.6)

where the ω^{i} 's are the basis one-forms.

In Dirac's version of the Hamiltonian formalism [2] the constraints equations (1.4) and (1.5) are not solved and no coordinate condition is imposed; The Dirac Hamiltonian is then given by

$$H = \int (N\mathcal{H} + N_i \mathcal{H}^i) \omega^1 \omega^2 \omega^3$$
 (1.7)

Thus the dynamic equations (1.2) and (1.3) are obtained by differentiating H with respect to the canonical conjugate pair of variables (π^{ij}, g_{km}) .

When interaction with a scalar field χ is considered, the free gravitational action must be completed with several new terms. The lagrangian of the massless scalar field is [10] $L_{sc} = -(-^{(4)}g)^{1/2} {}^{(4)}g^{\mu\nu}\chi_{,\mu}\chi_{,\nu}$

and defining the scalar field momentum as $\pi_{\chi} = (\partial L_{sc}/\partial \chi_{,t})$ we must add to the total gravitational action :

$$S_{sc} = \int dt \int (\pi_{\chi} \dot{\chi} - N(\frac{\pi_{\chi}^2}{4\sqrt{g}} + \sqrt{g}g^{ij}\chi_{,i}\chi_{,j}) - N_i(\pi_{\chi}g^{ij}\chi_{,j}))\omega^1\omega^2\omega^3$$
 (1.8)

It is obvious from the above formula that the terms in brackets must be added to the gravitational super-Hamiltonian and to the super-momentum. Thus we can obtain the new form of the constraint equations and Dirac Hamiltonian. With the last one it can obtain the dynamic equations for the scalar field variables.

When interaction with a perfect fluid (consisting of pressureless dust) is present, to the total gravitational action we can add [11]:

$$S_d = \int dt \int (\pi_{\phi} \dot{\phi} - N \pi_{\phi} \left[1 + g^{ij} \phi_{,i} \phi_{,j} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} - N_i g^{ij} \phi_{,j}) \omega^1 \omega^2 \omega^3 \qquad (1.9)$$

where ϕ is the scalar field describing the dust.

In the last few years, inflationary models became very popular not only in cosmology but also in the theory of general relativity and gravitation. The majority of the mentioned models are based on the interaction of gravity with a scalar field [15] – [17], [37], [38]. We shall treat a model based on the action functional:

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-4}g \left(\Phi^{2} {}^{(4)}R - \frac{1}{2} {}^{(4)}g^{\mu\nu}\Phi_{,\mu}\Phi_{,\nu} + \Lambda\Phi^4 \right)$$
 (1.10)

where the scalar field Φ is non-minimally coupled with the gravity. As an inflationary model the above action functional determines the behavior of the gravitational constant as being $G = 1/16\pi\Phi^2$ through the dynamics of the field Φ .

In order to obtain the canonical version of the field theory described by the action functional (1.10) we must redefine the components of the three-dimensional momentum canonical conjugate to the g_{ij} 's as:

$$\pi^{ij} = \Phi^2 \sqrt{g} \left(g^{ij} K - K^{ij} \right) \tag{1.11}$$

where $K_{ij} = \frac{1}{2N} \left(N_{i/j} + N_{j/i} - \dot{g}_{ij} \right)$ is the extrinsic curvature of the three-dimensional hypersurfaces. With K we have denoted the trace of K_{ij} , namely $K = K^i_i$.

Thus, after an appropriate calculation presented in complete details in [6] we obtain the complete canonical version of our inflationary model (1.10):

$$S = \int dt \ d^3x \ \left(\pi^{ij}\dot{g}_{ij} + \pi_{\Phi}\dot{\Phi} - N\mathcal{H} - N_i\mathcal{H}^i\right)$$
 (1.12)

where the new super-Hamiltonian \mathcal{H} and super-momentum \mathcal{H}^i (and the new constraint equations) are:

$$\mathcal{H} = -\sqrt{g}\Phi^{2}R + \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}}\Phi^{-2}\left(\pi_{ij}\pi^{ij} - \frac{1}{2}\pi^{2}\right) + \frac{\pi_{\Phi}^{2}}{2\sqrt{g}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{g}}\Phi^{-1}\pi_{\Phi}\pi + \frac{9}{2}\sqrt{g}g^{ij}\Phi_{,i}\Phi_{,j} + 4\sqrt{g}g^{ij}\Phi\Phi_{,kj} - \sqrt{g}\Lambda\Phi^{4} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{H}^{i} = -2\pi^{ij}_{/j} - 4g^{ij}\Phi^{-1}\Phi_{,j}\pi + g^{ij}\pi_{\Phi}\Phi_{,j} = 0$$
(1.13)

The dynamical equations are obtained in the usual way. For example, after defining the Dirac Hamiltonian as:

$$H_D = \int dt \ d^3x \ (N\mathcal{H} + N_i \mathcal{H}^i) \tag{1.15}$$

we can set:

$$\dot{g}_{ij} = \frac{\delta H_D}{\delta \pi^{ij}} \; ; \; \dot{\pi}^{ij} = -\frac{\delta H_D}{\delta g_{ij}} \; ;$$

As a result we have:

$$\dot{g}_{ij} = N_{i/j} + N_{j/i} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{g}} N \Phi^{-2} \pi_{ij} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} N \Phi^{-2} \pi g_{ij} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{g}} N \Phi^{-1} \pi_{\Phi} g_{ij} - \Phi^{-1} \Phi_{,p} N_k g^{kp} g_{ij}$$
(1.16)

$$\dot{\pi}^{ij} = -N\Phi^{-2}\sqrt{g}\left(R^{ij} - \frac{1}{2}Rg^{ij}\right) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{g}}N\Phi^{-2}g^{ij}\left(\pi^{km}\pi_{km} - \frac{1}{2}\pi^2\right) - \frac{1}{2}\pi^2$$

$$\frac{2N}{\sqrt{g}}\Phi^{-2}\left(\pi^{im}\pi^{j}_{m} - \frac{1}{2}\pi\pi^{ij}\right) - \sqrt{g}\Phi^{2}\left(N^{/ij} - N_{,l}N^{l}g^{ij}\right) +$$

$$(\pi^{ij}N^m)_{,m} - \pi^{im}N^j_{/m} - \pi^{jm}N^i_{/m} - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{g}}Ng^{ij}\pi^2_{\Phi} + \frac{17}{4}\sqrt{g}Ng^{kl}g^{ij}\Phi_{,k}\Phi_{,l}$$

$$+\frac{17}{2}\sqrt{g}N\Phi^{,i}\Phi^{,j} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{g}g^{ij}N\Lambda\Phi^{4} + \Phi^{-1}\left(N^{i}\Phi^{,j} + N^{j}\Phi^{,i}\right)$$
(1.17)

Of course, in a similar manner we can obtain the dynamic equations for the scalar field Φ and his conjugate momenta π_{Φ} . We do not give here the mentioned equations because, in the algebraic procedures we shall present in the next paragraph we have obtained these equations directly from the Dirac Hamiltonian H_D by a variational derivative (a facility of EXCALC package [13]). The complete form of the \dot{g}_{ij} 's and $\dot{\pi}^{ij}$'s are necessary as a consequence of the fact that in practice we use the components of the above tensors as functions of the true canonical variables introduced in every specific case of interest.

1.3 The REDUCE computer procedures

We shall briefly present the steps of calculus necessary for developing the canonical program outlined above. The steps will be the same if the calculus is realized manually or with the computer, using specific EXCALC procedures. Several steps are the same if we have pure gravity, gravity coupled with matter fields or inflationary models. Thus we shall present the next steps together with examples of computer lines from the pure gravity topic. Here are the steps:

- 1) introduction of the basis vectors and coframe forms (with a usual metric statement in EXCALC [13]) together with the calculus of the structure coefficients of the Cartan basis considered; it is realized, in the same time the introduction of the metric g_{ij} components, because, in EXCALC package the assignment of the coframe forms defines, in the same time the metric components;
- 2) introduction of the momentum π^{ij} defining the canonical conjugates of the metric components and their dependence on the spatial variables defining a symmetric 2-form, named PIU; here is introduced a program line computing the term $\pi^{ij}\frac{dg_{ij}}{dt}$ from eq. (1.6) and verifying if the dynamic part of the action functional is in canonical form:

act :=
$$piu(j,k)*0(g(-j,-k),t);$$

if the answer is negative this step must be run again, after a new definition of the π^{ij} components;

3) evaluates the Ricci tensor R_{ij} and the Ricci scalar R of the metric above defined by direct computation from a RIEMANNCONX form named OM (a riemannian connection form), declared in the previous lines of the program

```
\label{eq:ricci} \begin{array}{ll} \text{ricci(-j,-m)} := \text{ee(-m)_|(ee(-k)_|(d om(k,-j) + om(k,-p)^om(p,-j)));} \\ & \text{scricci} := \text{ricci(j,-j);} \end{array}
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where ee(-k) are the basis vectors defined together with the coframe;

4) calculates the super-Hamiltonian \mathcal{H} :

```
ha0:= -sqrt(detm!*)*(scric+(1/detm!*)*

((1/2)*( (piu(j,-j))*(piu(k,-k)) )

-piu(j,k)*piu(-k,-j) ));
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from equation (1.4) or from equation (1.13) in our inflationary model (1.10);

5) calculates the super-momentum \mathcal{H}^i :

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\begin{array}{l} \mbox{pform } \mbox{ha(j)=0;} \\ \mbox{ha(j):=} \\ \mbox{-2*((ee(-k)_|d piu(j,k))+(ee(-k)_|om(j,-p))*piu(p,k))} \\ \mbox{+(ee(-k)_|om(k,-p))*piu(j,p)} \\ \mbox{-(ee(-k)_|om(p,-p))*piu(j,k));} \end{array}
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with equation (1.5) or eq. (1.14) for the inflationary model;

6) at this stage it is already possible to calculate the temporal derivatives for the g_{ij} 's components (eq. (1.2) or (1.16)):

```
pform n=0,derge(j,k)=0; tvector ni(k);
fdomain n=n(r,t),ni=ni(r,t);
derge(-j,-k):= 2*n*(1/sqrt(detm!*))*
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(piu(-j,-k)-(1/2)*g(-j,-k)*(piu(p,-p))) + (ee(-k)_|d ni(-j)) - (ee(-k)_|om(p,-j))*ni(-p) + (ee(-j)_|d ni(-k)) - (ee(-j)_|om(1,-k))*ni(-1);
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(where n and ni are the "lapse-shift" functions) and then the evolution equations of the canonical variables defined in step 1;

7) calculates the second set of temporal derivatives for π^{ij} , with eq. (1.3) (or (1.17)) and the dynamic equations for momenta defined in step 2;

All the above mentioned steps are naturally transposed in EXCALC lines, as we can see from the above examples. Special program lines are devoted to the calculus of the new terms appearing in the theory, when interaction of gravity with a matter field is considered. It is calculated the new Dirac Hamiltonian (obtained adding new terms to the super-Hamiltonian and the super-momentum specific for the matter field). Using Hamilton-type equations, the dynamic equations of the scalar field variables (time derivatives of χ , ϕ and π_{χ} , π_{ϕ}) are obtained together with the new terms added to the older dynamic equations.

We have realized also file-sequences in order to perform the reductional ADM formalism for the canonical theory presented above. There is not an unique method to realize this purpose. The procedure must be adapted to the specific space-time model. The point is to guess a canonical transformation (or a sequence of canonical transformations) which, after solving the constraint equations and imposing specific coordinate conditions, generates an action with one or two dynamic variables and a Hamiltonian generating the time behavior of the system without constraints. These attempts to perform a complete reductional formalism in each processed model can be a good way to realize the connection with numerical relativity. We investigate the possibility to generate FORTRAN lines for numerical solving of the differential equations obtained after the canonical program outlined here is performed.

When inflationary models are considered the above program lines are adapted accordingly to the new dynamic and constraint equations (as we already mentioned - see also [6]) and, in addition we have new steps devoted to the dynamical treatment of the scalar field. We shall use a different method as a consequence of the fact that the scalar field

has a unique component:

- 8) it is calculated the Dirac Hamiltonian from the super-Hamiltonian and supermomentum obtained in steps 4 and 5 with formula (1.15).
- 9) the dynamical equations for Φ and π_{Φ} are obtained using a facility of EXCALC package, namely the variational derivative :

```
derphi := vardf(had,piphi);
derpiphi := - vardf(had,phi);
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where "derphi" and "derpiphi" denote the temporal derivatives of the scalar field Φ and of his momentum π_{Φ} respectively. With "had" we have denoted the Dirac Hamiltonian already mentioned.

1.4 About the concrete results

In the above cited articles ([4] - [7]) we have presented several results obtained with space-time models processed by the procedures presented here.

In order to verify the accuracy of our programs we approached some well known models from the literature [4],[9], [16] - [18].

We have reobtained all the results reported in [4]. Some of these space-time models were processed in a generalized form in interaction with a massless scalar field. Another well known case, the canonical treatment of cylindrical gravitational waves [18] (also coupled with a scalar field) was one of the preferred testing models for us. The coincidence of our results with the well-known results from [18] was a good sign for approaching other models, more sophisticated. Among these models is also the space-time with T^3 three-dimensional subspace which we shall present here. We give the form of the spatial metric tensor and of the momenta canonically conjugate to the g_{ij} 's, the constraints (the super-hamiltonian and the super-momenta) as well as the expressions of the dynamic equations for all the canonical variables.

At the end of the list of specific results we have presented the skeleton of the reductional procedure we have applied here: changing of variables, canonical transformations, rescaling of variables, coordinate conditions etc., and finally the reduced hamiltonian. Space-time model with a three sub-space in form of a 3-torus here depicted as a 2-tori fibring of S^1

$$g_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2(w-f)} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & e^{-2(w+f)} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & e^{2a} \end{pmatrix}$$

where a = a(z,t), w = w(z,t), f = f(t) and $0 \le x, y, z \le 1$, and the coframe is $w^1 = dx$, $w^2 = dy$, $w^3 = dz$.

$$\pi^{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{4}e^{-2(w-f)}(\pi_f - \pi_w) & 0 & 0\\ 0 & -\frac{1}{4}e^{2(w+f)}(\pi_f + \pi_w) & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}e^{-2a}\pi_a \end{pmatrix}$$

The derivatives with respect to z variable being denoted with "l" we have

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{8}e^{2f-a} \left[\pi_a^2 + 2\pi_a \pi_f + \pi_w^2 + 16e^{-4f}w'^2 \right] + \frac{\pi_\chi^2}{4\sqrt{g}} + \sqrt{g}e^{2a}\chi'^2 = 0$$

$$\mathcal{H}^3 = e^{-2a} \left[\pi_a a' - \pi'_a + \pi_w w' \right] + e^{2a} \pi_\chi \chi' = 0$$
 ; $\mathcal{H}^1 = \mathcal{H}^2 = 0$

$$\dot{f} = \frac{1}{4}e^{2f-a}N\pi_a$$
 ; $\dot{w} = N^3w' + \frac{1}{4}e^{2f-a}N\pi_w$

$$\dot{a} = N^3 a' + N^{3\prime} + \frac{1}{4} e^{2f - a} N \pi_a + \frac{1}{4} e^{2f - a} N \pi_f \quad ; \quad \dot{\chi} = N^3 \chi' + \frac{1}{2} e^{2f - a} N \pi_\chi$$

$$\dot{\pi}_f = N^3 \pi'_f + N^{3\prime} \pi_f - \frac{1}{4} N e^{2f-a} (\pi_a^2 + 2\pi_a \pi_f + \pi_w^2)$$
$$-4e^{-2f-a} (a'N' - N'' - Nw'^2) - \frac{1}{2} e^{-2f-a} N (e^{4f} \pi_\chi^2 - 4\chi'^2)$$

$$\dot{\pi}_w = \left(N^3 \pi_w + e^{-a - 2f} N w'\right)'$$

$$\dot{\pi}_a = N^3 \pi_a' + N^{3\prime} \pi_a + \frac{1}{8} e^{2f-a} (\pi_a^2 + 2\pi_a \pi_f + \pi_w^2) + 2e^{-2f-a} N w'^2 + \frac{1}{4} e^{-a-2f} N (e^{4f} \pi_\chi^2 + 4\chi'^2)$$

$$\dot{\pi}_{\chi} = (N^3 \pi_{\chi} + 2e^{-a-2f} N \chi')'$$

- In order to perform a <u>reductional ADM formalism</u> we have some different possibilities, but the most cases lead to nonlocal theories. A natural and very simple version is suggested by Misner, (in [16] - but not used in the cited article) is to choose f as a time variable (the transverse cross-sectional area of the universe is proportional to e^{2f}). Taking as coordinate variable w, solving the constraint equations in terms of π_w and π_f and imposing the ADM coordinate conditions T = f = t and w = z we can obtain the action functional as:

$$S = \int dt dz (\pi_a \dot{a} + \pi_\chi \dot{\chi} - H_{red})$$

where the reduced time dependent hamiltonian H_{red} is

$$H_{red} = -\pi_f = \frac{1}{2\pi_a} (a'\pi_a^2 + 2a'\chi'\pi_a\pi_\chi - 2a'\pi_a'\pi_a + \chi'^2\pi_\chi^2 - 2\chi'\pi_a'\pi_\chi + \pi_a'^2 + \pi_a^2 + \pi_\chi^2 + 8e^{-4T}\chi'^2)$$

Now, in the final lines, we shall mention only the results obtained after processing the computer procedures outlined in the previous sections for some space-time models, considered as initial data for the inflationary universe described by (1.10). The results reported in [6] are only in a brute form without any regarding of the physical significance. Spherically-symmetric model (usual in the dynamic study of inflationary universes), Bianchi I/Kantowski-Sachs models and also the above model with T^3 subspace were presented in details in [6].

Chapter 2

Using Maple in the study of the canonical formalism of general relativity

2.1 Introduction

The use of computer facilities cam be an important tool for teaching general relativity. We have experienced several packages of procedures, (in REDUCE + EXCALC for algebraic programming and in Mathematica for graphic visualizations) which fulfill this purpose. In this chapter we shall present some new procedures in MapleV using GrTensorII package ([22]) adapted for the canonical version of the general relativity (in the so called ADM formalism based on the 3+1 split of spacetime). This formalism is widely used in the last years as a major tool in numerical relativity for calculating violent processes as, for example the head-on collisions of black holes, massive stars or other astrophysical objects. Thus we used these computer procedures in the process of teaching the canonical formalism as an introductory part of a series of lectures on numerical relativity for graduated students. We shall use the same notations and conventions already presented in the first chapter. Obviously we used the programs in REDUCE presented there for producing our new procedures for Maple + GrTensorII package, but because there are many specific features we shall present here in some detail these procedures in the next section of the chapter. The last section of the chapter is dedicated to the conclusions pointed out by running the Maple procedures presented here and some future prospectives on their usage toward the numerical relativity.

2.2 Maple + GrTensorII procedures

Here we shall describe briefly the structure and the main features of the Maple procedures for the canonical formalism of the general relativity as described in the previous chapter. Two major parts of the programs can be detected: one before introducing the metric of the spacetime used (consisting in several definitions of tensor objects which are common to all spacetimes) and the second one, having line-commands specific to each version.

The first part of the program starts after initalisation of the GrTensorII package (grtw();) and has mainly the next lines:

```
> grdef('tr := pi{^i i}');
> grdef('ha0:=-sqrt(detg)*(Ricciscalar+
               (1/detg)*((1/2)*(tr)^2-pi{i j}*pi{ ^i ^j }))');
> grdef('ha{ ^i }:=-2*(pi{ ^i ^j ;j}-pi{ ^i ^j }*Chr{ p j ^p })');
> grdef('derge{ i j }:=2*N(x,t)*(detg)^(-1/2)*(pi{ i j } -
                     (1/2)*g{i j}*tr)+Ni{i ; j} + Ni{j ; i}');
> grdef('Ndd{ ^m j }:= Nd{ ^m ;j }');
> grdef('bum{ ^i ^j ^m}:=pi{ ^i ^j }*Ni{ ^m }');
> grdef('bla{ ^i ^j }:=bum{ ^i ^j ^m ;m }');
> grdef('derpi{ ^i ^j }:=
     -N(x,t)*(detg)^(1/2)*(R{ ^i ^j }-(1/2)*g{ ^i ^j }*Ricciscalar)+
      (1/2)*N(x,t)*(detg)^(-1/2)*g{ ^i ^j }*(pi{ ^k ^l})
      (1/2)*(tr)^2-2*N(x,t)*(detg)^(-1/2)*(pi{ ^i ^m }*pi{ ^j m }-
      (1/2)*pi{ ^i ^j }*tr)+ (detg)^(1/2)*(Ndd{ ^i ^j }-g{ ^i ^j }*
       Ndd{ ^m m }) + bla{ ^i ^j } - Ni{ ^i ;m }*pi{ ^m ^j }-
             ^j ;m }*pi{ ^m ^i }');
      Ni{
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Here **ha0** and **ha**{ $\hat{}$ **i** } represents the superhamiltonian and the supermomentum as defined in eqs. (1.4) and (1.5) respectively and **tr** is the trace of momentum tensor density π^{ij} - which will be defined in the next lines of the program. Here $\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{t})$ represents the lapse function N.

Also, **derge**{ **i j**} represents the time derivatives of the components of the metric tensor, as defined in eq. (1.2) and **derpi**{ \hat{i} \hat{j} } the time derivatives of the components of the momentum tensor π^{ij} as defined in eq. (1.3).

The next line of the program is a specific GrTensorII command for loading the spacetime metric. Here Maple loads a file (previously generated) for introducing the components of the metric tensor as functions of the coordinates. We also reproduced here the output of the Maple session showing the metric structure of the spacetime we introduced.

```
> qload('Cyl_din');
```

Default spacetime = Cyl_din For the Cyl_din spacetime: Coordinates
$$x(up)$$
 a
$$x = [x, y, z]$$
 Line element
$$2$$

$$2$$

$$ds = exp(gamma(x, t) - psi(x, t)) d x
$$2$$

$$2$$

$$+ R(x, t) exp(-psi(x, t)) d y + exp(psi(x, t)) d z$$$$

As is obvious we introduced above the metric for a spacetime with cylindrical symmetry, an example we used for teaching purposes being a well known example in the literature ([18]). In natural output this metric has the form:

$$g_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{\gamma - \psi} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & R^2 e^{-\psi} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & e^{\psi} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.1)

in cylindrical coordinates x, y, z with $x \in [0, \infty)$, $y \in [0, 2\pi)$, $z \in (-\infty, +\infty)$ where R, ψ and γ are functions of x and t only.

After the metric of the spacetime is established the next sequence of the programm just introduce the components of the momentum tensor π^{ij} as

Here $\mathbf{Ni}\{\hat{\ }i\ \}$ represents the shift vector N^i and the other objects $(\mathbf{Nd},\,\mathbf{vi1},\,\mathbf{vi2} \text{ and }\mathbf{vi3})$ represent intermediate vectors defined in order to introduce the momenum $\mathbf{pi}\{\hat{\ }i\ \hat{\ }\mathbf{j}\ \}$ having the form :

$$\pi^{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \pi_{\gamma} e^{\psi - \gamma} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2R} \pi_R e^{\psi} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-\psi} (\pi_{\gamma} + \frac{1}{2} R \pi_R + \pi_{\psi}) \end{pmatrix}$$
(2.2)

In the program we denoted π_{γ} , π_{R} and π_{ψ} with **pig**, **pir** and **pip**, respectively. The momentum components are introduced in order that the dynamic part of the action of the theory be in canonical form, that is : $\dot{g}_{ij}\pi^{ij} = \pi_{\gamma}\dot{\gamma} + \pi_{\psi}\dot{\psi} + \pi_{R}\dot{R}$. The next lines of the programm check if this condition is fullfilled:

By inspecting this last output from the Maple worksheet, the user can decide if it is necessary to redifine the components of the momentum tensor or to go further. Here the components of the momentum tensor were calculated by hand but, of course a more experienced user can try to introduce here a sequence of commands for automatic calculation of the momentum tensor components using the above condition, through an intensive use of **solve** Maple command.

Now comes the must important part of the routine, dedicated to calculations of different objects previously defined:

```
> grcalc(ha0); gralter(ha0,simplify);
> grdisplay(ha0);
> grcalc(ha(up)); gralter(ha(up),simplify);
> grdisplay(ha(up));
> grcalc(derge(dn,dn)); gralter(derge(dn,dn),simplify);
> grdisplay(derge(dn,dn));
> d1:=exp(-psi(x,t))*grcomponent(derge(dn,dn),[z,z])+exp(psi(x,t)-
      gamma(x,t))*grcomponent(derge(dn,dn),[x,x]);
> simplify(d1);
d2:=(1/(2*R(x,t)))*exp(psi(x,t))*grcomponent(derge(dn,dn),[y,y])+
       (1/2)*R(x,t)*exp(-psi(x,t))*grcomponent(derge(dn,dn),[z,z]);
> simplify(d2);
> d3:=exp(-psi(x,t))*grcomponent(derge(dn,dn),[z,z]);
> simplify(d3);
> grcalc(derpi(up,up)); gralter(derpi(up,up),simplify);
> grdisplay(derpi(up,up));
> f1 := exp(gamma(x,t)-psi(x,t))*grcomponent(derpi(up,up),[x,x])-
                                                pig(x,t)*(d3-d1);
> simplify(f1);
> f2:= 2*R(x,t)*exp(-psi(x,t))*grcomponent(derpi(up,up),[y,y])+
                             (1/R(x,t))*d2*pir(x,t)-pir(x,t)*d3;
> simplify(f2);
> f3 := \exp(psi(x,t))*grcomponent(derpi(up,up),[z,z])+d3*(pig(x,t)+
        (1/2)*R(x,t)*pir(x,t)+pip(x,t))-f1-(1/2)*R(x,t)*f2-
                                                  (1/2)*pir(x,t)*d2;
> simplify(f3);
```

This is a simple series of alternation of **grcalc**, **gralter** and **grdisplay** commands for obtaining the superhamiltonian, supermomentum and the dynamic equations for the theory. **d1** ... **d3** and **f1** ... **f3** are the time derivatives of the dynamic variables, $\dot{\gamma}$, \dot{R} , $\dot{\psi}$ and $\dot{\pi}_{\gamma}$, $\dot{\pi}_{R}$, $\dot{\pi}_{\psi}$ respectively. Denoting with "I" the derivatives with respect to I we

display here the results for the example used above (cylindrical gravitational waves) :

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{H}^0 &= e^{\frac{\psi - \gamma}{2}} (2R'' - R'\gamma' + \frac{1}{2}(\psi')^2 R - \pi_\gamma \pi_R + \frac{1}{2R}(\pi_\psi)^2) = 0 \\ \mathcal{H}^1 &= \mathcal{H}^r = e^{\psi - \gamma} (-2\pi'_\gamma + \gamma'\pi_\gamma + R'\pi_R + \psi'\pi_\psi) = 0 \qquad ; \qquad \mathcal{H}^2 = \mathcal{H}^3 = 0 \\ \dot{\gamma} &= N^1\gamma' + 2N^{1\prime} - e^{\frac{\psi - \gamma}{2}}N\pi_R \qquad ; \qquad \dot{R} = N^1R' - e^{\frac{\psi - \gamma}{2}}N\pi_\gamma \\ \dot{\psi} &= N^1\psi' + \frac{1}{R}e^{\frac{\psi - \gamma}{2}}N\pi_\psi \qquad ; \\ \dot{\pi}_\gamma &= N^1\pi'_\gamma + N^{1\prime}\pi_\gamma - e^{\frac{\psi - \gamma}{2}}(R'N' + \frac{1}{2}R'\psi'N - \frac{1}{4}\psi'^2RN + \frac{1}{2}N\pi_\gamma\pi_R - \frac{1}{4R}N\pi_\psi^2) \\ \dot{\pi}_R &= N^1\pi'_R + N^{1\prime}\pi_R + e^{\frac{\psi - \gamma}{2}}(\gamma'N' - 2N'' - 2N'\psi' + \frac{1}{2}\gamma'\psi'N - \psi''N - \psi'^2 + \frac{1}{2R}N\pi_\psi^2) \\ \dot{\pi}_\psi &= N^1\pi'_\psi + N^{1\prime}\pi_\psi + e^{\frac{\psi - \gamma}{2}}(RN'\psi' - R''N + \frac{1}{2}NR'\gamma' + R'\psi'N - \frac{1}{2}\gamma'\psi'NR \\ &+ \psi''RN + \frac{1}{4}\psi'^2RN + \frac{1}{2}N\pi_R\pi_\gamma - \frac{1}{4R}N\pi_\psi^2) \end{split}$$

These are the well-known results reported in ([18]) or ([6]).

One of the important goals of the canonical formalism of the general relativity (which constitutes the "kernel" of the ADM formalism) is the reductional formalism. Here we obtain the true dynamical status of the theory, by reducing the number of the variables through solving the constraint equations. This formalism is applicable only to a restricted number of space-time models, one of them being the above cylindrical gravitational waves model. Unfortunately only a specific strategy can be used in every model. Thus the next lines of our program must be rewritten specifically in every case. Here, for teaching purposes we present our example of cylindrical gravitational wave space-time model.

Of course we encourage the student to apply his own strategy for other examples he dares to calculate.

In our example of cylindrical gravitational waves, the reductional strategy as described in ([18]) starts with the usual rescaling of \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{H}^i to $\bar{\mathcal{H}}$ and $\bar{\mathcal{H}}^i$ by

$$\bar{\mathcal{H}} = e^{\frac{\gamma - \psi}{2}} \mathcal{H} \; \; ; \; \; \bar{N} = e^{\frac{\psi - \gamma}{2}} N \; \; ; \; \; \bar{\mathcal{H}}^1 = e^{\gamma - \psi} \mathcal{H}^1 \; \; ; \; \; \bar{N}^1 = e^{\psi - \gamma} N^1$$

wich produce the next sequence of Maple+GrTensorII commands:

```
> grdef('aha0:=sqrt(exp(gamma(x,t)-psi(x,t)))*ha0');
> grdef('aha{ ^j } := exp(gamma(x,t)-psi(x,t))*ha{ ^j }');
> grdef('an:=sqrt(exp(psi(x,t)-gamma(x,t)))*n(x,t)');
```

> grdef('ani{ ^i } := exp(psi(x,t)-gamma(x,t))*ni{ ^i }');

The canonical transformation to the new variables, including Kuchar's "extrinsic time", defined by :

$$T = T(\infty) + \int_{\infty}^{r} (-\pi_{\gamma}) dr$$
 , $\Pi_{T} = -\gamma' + [\ln((R')^{2} - (T')^{2})]'$

$$R = R$$
 , $\Pi_R = \pi_R + [\ln{(\frac{R' + T'}{R' - T'})}]'$

are introduced with:

```
> pig(x,t):=-diff(T(x,t),x);
```

>
$$pir(x,t):=piR(x,t) - diff(ln((diff(R(x,t),x)+diff(T(x,t),x))/(diff(R(x,t),x)-diff(T(x,t),x))),x);$$

and specific substitutions in the dynamic objects of the theory:

```
> grmap(ha0, subs , diff(gamma(x,t),x)=
diff( ln( (diff(R(x,t),x))^2- (diff(T(x,t),x))^2 ),x)-piT(x,t),'x');
> grcalc(ha0); gralter(ha0,simplify);
> grdisplay(ha0);
> grmap(ha(up), subs , diff(gamma(x,t),x)=diff( ln( (diff(R(x,t),x))^2- (diff(T(x,t),x))^2 ),x)-piT(x,t),'x');
> gralter(ha(up),simplify);
```

Thus the action yields (modulo divergences):

$$S = 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \int_{0}^{\infty} dr (\Pi_T \dot{T} + \Pi_R \dot{R} + \pi_\psi \dot{\psi} + \pi_\chi \dot{\chi} - \bar{N} \bar{\mathcal{H}} - \bar{N}_1 \bar{\mathcal{H}}^1)$$

where:

$$\bar{\mathcal{H}} = R'\Pi_T + T'\Pi_R + \frac{1}{2}R^{-1}\pi_{\psi}^2 + \frac{1}{2}R\psi'^2 + \frac{1}{4}R^{-1}\pi_{\chi}^2 + R\chi'^2$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{H}}^1 = T'\Pi_T + R'\Pi_R + \psi'\pi_\psi + \chi'\pi_\chi$$

Solving the constraint equations $\bar{\mathcal{H}} = 0$ and

 $\bar{\mathcal{H}}^1=0$ for Π_T and Π_R and imposing the coordinate conditions T=t and R=r we obtain finally :

$$S = 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dT \int_{0}^{+\infty} dR \left[\pi_{\psi} \psi_{,T} + \pi_{\chi} \chi_{,T} - \frac{1}{2} (R^{-1} \pi_{\psi}^{2} + R \psi_{,R}^{2} + R \pi_{\chi}^{2} + R^{-1} \chi^{2})\right]$$

from the next sequence of programm lines:

```
> R(x,t):=x; T(x,t):=t; grdisplay(aha0);
> solve(grcomponent(aha0),piT(x,t));
> piT(x,t):= -1/2*(x^2*diff(psi(x,t),x)^2+pip(x,t)^2)/x;
> eval(piR(x,t));
```

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> piR(x,t);

> grcalc(act); grdisplay(act);

For the Cyl_din spacetime:

act

- > grdef('Action:=act+piT(x,t)*diff(T(x,t),t)+piR(x,t)*diff(R(x,t),t)');
- > grcalc(Action);gralter(Action,factor,normal,sort,expand);
- > grdisplay(Action);

For the Cyl_din spacetime:

Action

- > grdef('Ham:=piT(x,t)*diff(T(x,t),t)+piR(x,t)*diff(R(x,t),t)');
- > grcalc(Ham); gralter(Ham, expand);
- > grdisplay(Ham);

For the Cyl_din spacetime:

Ham

2.3 Conclusions. Further improvvements

We used the programms presented above in the computer room with the students from the graduate course on Numerical Relativity. The main purpose was to introduce faster the elements of the canonical version of relativity with the declared objective to skip the long and not very straitforward hand calculations necessary to process an entire example of spacetime model. We encouraged the students to try to modify the procedures in order to compute new examples.

The major conclusion is that this method is indeed usefull for an attractive and fast teaching of the methods involved in the ADM formalism. On the other hand we can use and modify these programs for obtaining the equations necessary for the numerical relativity. In fact we intend to expand our Maple worksheets for the case of axisymmetric model (used in the numerical treatment of the head-on collision of black-holes). Of course, for numerical solving of the dynamic equations obtained here we need more improvements of the codes for parallel computing and more sophisticated numerical methods. But this will be the object of another article.

Chapter 3

Gravity, torsion, Dirac field and computer algebra

3.1 Introduction

In a series of recent published articles [32]-[33] we have presented some routines and their applications written in REDUCE+EXCALC algebraic manipulation language for doing calculations in Dirac theory on curved spacetimes. Including the Dirac fields in gravitation theory requires lengthy (or cumbersome) calculations which appropriately could be solved by computer algebra methods. Initially our main purpose was to develop a complete algebraic programming package for this purpose using only the REDUCE + EXCALC platform. Partially this program was completed and the main results and applications were reported in our above cited articles [32]-[33]. But we are aware of the fact that other very popular algebraic manipulations systems are on the market (like Mathematica or MAPLE) thus the area of people interested in algebraic programming routines for Dirac equation should be much larger. In this perspective we developed similar programs and routines for MAPLE [34] platform using the package GRTensorII [22] (adapted for doing calculations in General Relativity). Because there is no portability between the two systems we were forced to compose completely new routines, in fact using the same strategy we used in REDUCE: first, the Pauli and Dirac matrices algebra (using only the MAPLE environment) and then the construction of the Dirac equation on curved spacetimes were the capabilities of GRTensorII package is used. Because the authors of GRTensorII offer also package versions for Mathematica we are sure that our MAPLE routines can be easily adapted for Mathematica with the result of highly increasing the number of users of our product.

This chapter is organized as follows: the next section presents a short review of the theory of Dirac fields on curved spacetime, pointing out the main notations and conventions we shall use. The next section is devoted to a short overview of our routines and programs in REDUCE+EXCALC previously described in great detail in [32]. This section is necessary in view of the fact that we used the same strategy for constructing our programs in MAPLE as we pointed out above. Then the section nr. 4 contains a complete description of our programs in MAPLE+GRTensorII. We also included here some facts about the main differences (advantages and disadvantages) between the two algebraic programming platforms (REDUCE and MAPLE). Section 5 is devoted to the problem of including spacetimes with torsion in order to compute Dirac equation using our MAPLE procedures. The last section of the article includes a list of some of spacetimes examples we used in order to calculate the Dirac equation. Two of these examples are spacetimes with torsion thus we pointed out the contribution of torsion components to the Dirac field. Several applications of our programs (in REDUCE or in MAPLE) are in view of our future research : searching for inertial effects in noninertial systems of reference (partially presented in [33] for a Schwarzschild metric without torsion) or quantum effects (as in [30]) in order to provide new theoretical results for experimental gravity [35].

3.2 Pauli and Dirac matrices algebra and Dirac equation on curved space-time

The main problem is to solve algebraic expressions involving the Dirac matrices [23],[24], [26]. To this end it is convenient to construct explicitly these matrices as a direct product of several pairs among the Pauli

matrices σ_i , i=1,2,3, and the 2×2 unit matrix. Thus all the calculations will be expressed in terms of the Pauli matrices and 2-dimensional Pauli spinors. Consequently the result will be obtained in a form which is suitable for physical interpretations. We shall consider the Pauli matrices as abstract objects with specific multiplication rules. Thus we work with operators instead of their matrices in a spinor representation. However, if one desires to see the result in the standard Dirac form with γ matrices it will be sufficient to use a simple reconstruction procedure which will be presented in a next section.

We shall consider the Dirac formalism in the chiral form where the Dirac matrices are [24]:

$$\gamma^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} , \quad \gamma^i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \\ -\sigma_i & 0 \end{bmatrix} , \quad \gamma^5 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (3.1)

The Dirac spinor:

$$\Psi = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_l \\ \varphi_r \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{H}_D \tag{3.2}$$

involves the Pauli spinors φ_l and φ_r which transform according to the irreducible representations (1/2,0) and (0,1/2) of the group SL(2,C). In this representation the left and right-handed Dirac spinors are

$$\Psi_L = \frac{1 - \gamma^5}{2} \Psi = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_l \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} , \quad \Psi_R = \frac{1 + \gamma^5}{2} \Psi = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \varphi_r \end{bmatrix}$$
 (3.3)

and, therefore, the Pauli spinors φ_l and φ_r will be the left and the right-handed parts of the Dirac spinor. The $SL(2,\mathbb{C})$ generators are

$$S^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{4} \left[\gamma^{\mu}, \gamma^{\nu} \right] \tag{3.4}$$

It is clear [23] that $\mathcal{H}_D = \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}$ (where \mathcal{H} is the two-dimensional space of Pauli spinors) and, therefore the Dirac spinor can be written as:

$$\Psi = \xi_1 \otimes \varphi_l + \xi_2 \otimes \varphi_r \quad \text{with} \quad \xi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \xi_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (3.5)

while the $\gamma\text{-matrices}$ and the SL(2,C) generators can be put in the form .

$$\gamma^0 = \sigma^1 \otimes 1 \quad , \quad \gamma^k = i\sigma^2 \otimes \sigma^k \quad , \quad \gamma^5 = -\sigma^3 \otimes 1$$
 (3.6)

$$S^{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} 1 \otimes \sigma^k \quad , \quad S^{0k} = -\frac{i}{2} \sigma^3 \otimes \sigma^k$$
 (3.7)

These properties allow to reduce the Dirac algebra to that of the Pauli matrices.

In order to introduce Dirac equation on curved space-time we have always used an anholonomic orthonormal frame because at any point of spacetime we need an *orthonormal reference frame* to describe the spinor field as is already pointed before [32]). The Dirac equation in a general reference of frame, defined by an anholonomic tetrad field is [27]:

$$i\hbar\gamma^{\mu}D_{\mu}\Psi = mc\Psi \tag{3.8}$$

where the covariant Dirac derivative D_{μ} is

$$D_{\nu} = \partial_{\nu} + \frac{i}{2} S^{\rho\mu} \Gamma_{\nu\rho\mu} \tag{3.9}$$

and where $S^{\mu\nu}$ are the SL(2,C) generators (3.4) and $\Gamma_{\nu\rho\mu}$ are the anholonomic components of the connection.

3.3 Review of the REDUCE+EXCALC routines for calculating the Dirac equation

We shall describe here those part of the program realizing the Pauli and Dirac matrix algebras. In the first lines of this sequence we introduce the operators and the non-commuting operators being useful throughout the entire program. The Pauli matrices are represented using the operator \mathbf{p} with one argument. The Dirac matrices are denoted by \mathbf{gam} of one argument (an operator if we use only REDUCE, or for EXCALC package it will be a 0-form with one index) while the operator \mathbf{dirac} stands for the Dirac equation. The $\mathrm{SL}(2,\mathbb{C})$ generators are denoted by the 0-form $\mathbf{s(a,b)}$. The basic algebraic operation, the commutator (\mathbf{com}) and anticommutator (\mathbf{acom}) are then defined here only for commuting (or anticommuting) only simple objects ("kernels"). For commuting more complex expressions, (in order to introduce some necessary commutation relations) a more complex operator is necessary to

introduce. Other objects, having a more or less local utilization in the program will be introduced with declarations and statements at their specific appearance.

The main part of the program is the Pauli subroutine:

```
LET p(0)=1;

LET p(2)*p(1)=-p(1)*p(2);

LET p(1)*p(2)=i*p(3);

LET p(3)*p(1)=-p(1)*p(3);

LET p(1)*p(3)=-i*p(2);

LET p(3)*p(2)=-p(2)*p(3);

LET p(2)*p(3)=i*p(1);

LET p(1)**2=1;

LET p(2)**2=1;

LET p(3)**2=1;
```

The Pauli matrices, σ_i appear as $\mathbf{p(i)}$ while the 2×2 unity matrix is $\mathbf{p(0)=1}$. The properties of the Pauli matrices are given by the above sequence of 10 lines. The **direct product** denoted by \mathbf{pd} operator has the properties introduced as:

```
for all a,b,c,u let pd(a,b)*pd(c,u)=pd(a*c,b*u);
for all a,b let pd(a,b)**2=pd(a**2,b**2);
for all a,b let pd(-a,b)=-pd(a,b);
for all a,b let pd(a,-b)=-pd(a,b);
for all a,b let pd(i*a,b)=i*pd(a,b);
for all a,b let pd(a,i*b)=i*pd(a,b);
for all a let pd(0,a)=0;
for all a let pd(a,0)=0;
let pd(1,1)=1;
```

Some difficulties arise from the bilinearity of the direct product which requires to identify all the scalars involved in the current calculations. This can be done only by using complicated procedures or special assignments. For this reason we shall use a special definition of the direct product (\mathbf{pd}) which gives up the general bilinearity property. The operator \mathbf{pd} will depend on two Pauli matrices or on the Pauli matrices with factors -1 or $\pm i$. It is able to recognize only these numbers but

this is enough since the multiplication of the Pauli matrices has just the structure constants ± 1 and $\pm i$ (we have $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \delta_{ij} + i \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k$).

Thus by introducing the multiplication rules of the direct product it will be sufficient to give some instructions (see above) which represent the bilinearity defined only for the scalars -1 and i. The next two instructions represent the definition of "0" in the direct product space while the last one from the above sequence introduces the 4×4 unit matrix.

The γ - matrices can be defined now with the help of our direct product; also we added here the definition of the SL(2,C) generators from eq. (3.4):

All the above program lines we have presented here can be used for the Dirac theory on the Minkowski space-time in an inertial system of reference. Here we shall first point the main differences which appear when one wants to run our procedures on some curved space-times or in a noninertial reference of frame. Some of these minor differences are already integrated in the lines presented in the precedent section.

First of all we must add, at the beginning of the program some EXCALC lines containing the metric statement. We have always used an anholonomic orthonormal frame because at any point of spacetime we need an *orthonormal reference frame* in order to describe the spinor field as is already pointed before [32]).

After the above metric statement we must add in the program all the procedures described in the last section. Then we can introduce some lines calculating the Dirac equation in this context. As a result we have used the next sequence of EXCALC lines:

```
pform \{der(j),psi\}=0; fdomain psi=psi(x,y,z,t); der(-j):=ee(-j)_|d psi+(i/2)*s(b,h)*cris(-j,-b,-h);
```

```
operator derp0,derp1,derp2,derp3;
noncom derp0,derp1,derp2,derp3;
let @(psi,t)=derp0;
let @(psi,x)=derp1;
let @(psi,y)=derp2;
let @(psi,z)=derp3;
dirac := i*has*gam(j)*der(-j)-m*c;
ham:= -(gam(0)*(1/(ee(-0)_|d t))*dirac-i*has*derp0);
```

In defining the Dirac derivative **der** we have introduced also an formal Dirac spinor (**psi**) being a 0-form and depending on the variables imposed by the symmetry of the problem. It is just an intermediate step (in fact a "trick") in order to obtain the partial derivative components as operators, because after calculating the components of the covariant derivative (**der**(-**j**)- see above) we have to replace the partial derivatives of **psi** with four non-commuting operators **derp0**, **derp1** ... **derp3**. The Dirac operator is thus defined as **dirac**:= $(i\hbar\gamma^{\mu}D_{\mu} - mc)\Psi$ and finally the Dirac Hamiltonian (**ham**) is obtained from the canonical form of the Dirac equation :

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = H\psi$$

which we shall use later, in the study of the nonrelativistic approximation of the Dirac equation in noninertial reference frames.

The results we have obtained after processing the program lines we have presented until now contains only the Pauli matrices and direct products of Pauli matrices. When one wish to have the final result in terms of the γ -matrices and SL(2,C) generators (and not in terms of direct products of Pauli matrices) the procedure **rec** will be used :

```
operator gama,gen;
noncom gama,gen;
PROCEDURE rec(a);
begin;
```

This is an operator depending on an expression involving matrices (a) which reconstructs the γ -matrices and the SL(2,C) generators from the direct products of Pauli matrices according to eq. 3.6 and 3.7.

As a very important remark we must point out that the new introduced operators **gama** and **gen** does not represent a complete algebra. They are introduced in order to have the result in a comprehensible form. Thus this form of the result cannot be used in further computations. Only the results obtained before processing the **rec** procedure can be used, in order to benefit of the complete Pauli and Dirac matrices algebra. We have used this **rec** procedure only for pointing out our results in a more comprehensible form.

3.4 MAPLE+GRTensorII procedures for calculating the Dirac equation

Here we shall present, in details, our procedures in MAPLE+GRTensorII for calculating the Dirac equations, pointing out the main differences between MAPLE and REDUCE programming in obtaining the same results. The first major problem appears in MAPLE when one try to introduce the Pauli and Dirac matrices algebra. In MAPLE this will be a difficult task because the ordinary product (assigned in MAPLE with "*") of operators is automatically commutative, associative, linear, etc. like an ordinary scalar product - in REDUCE these properties

are active only if the operators are declared previously as having such properties. Thus we have to define two special product operators: for Pauli matrices σ_{α} , $\alpha = 0, 1, 2, 3$ (assigned in our procedures with **pr**) and for the direct product of Pauli matrices (assigned here also with the operator **pd(",")**) which is assigned with "&p". As a consequence we have to introduce long lists with their properties as:

```
> define(sigma,sigma(0)=1);
> define(pr,pr(1,1)=1,pr(1,sigma(1))=sigma(1),pr(1,sigma(2))=
sigma(2),pr(1,sigma(3))=sigma(3),pr(sigma(1),1)=sigma(1),
pr(sigma(2),1)=sigma(2),pr(sigma(3),1)=sigma(3),...
pr(sigma(1),sigma(1))=1,pr(sigma(2),sigma(2))=1,...
> define(pd,pd(0,a::algebraic)=0,pd(a::algebraic,0)=0,pd(1,1)=1,
pd(I*a::algebraic,b::algebraic)=I*pd(a,b),
pd(-I*a::algebraic,I*b::algebraic)=-I*pd(a,b),
pd(a::algebraic,-I*b::algebraic)=-I*pd(a,b),
pd(a::algebraic,-I*b::algebraic)=-I*pd(a,b),
pd(a::algebraic,b::algebraic)=-pd(a,b));
> define('&p','&p'(-a::algebraic,-b::algebraic)='&p'(a,b),...
```

We dropped the complete list of the properties of the special products **pr** and &**p**, being very long. Of course the reader may ask why is not much simpler to declare, as an example the &*p* as being linear (or multilinear)? Because in this case the operator does not act properly, the linearity property picking out from the operator all the terms, being or not Pauli matrices or direct products **pd** of Pauli matrices. Thus is necessary to forget the linearity and to introduce, as separate properties all the possible situations to appear in the calculus. The result is that the program become very large with a corresponding waste of RAM memory and speed of running. This will be the main disadvantage of MAPLE version of our program in comparison with the short (and, why not, elegant) REDUCE procedures. Of course, in a more compact version of our programs, we defined MAPLE routines with these operators, and the user need only to load at the beginning of MAPLE

session these routines, but there is no significative economy of memory and running time.

The next step is to define Dirac γ -matrices and a special commutator (with &**p**) :

```
> define(gam,
gam(1)=I*pd(sigma(2),sigma(1)),
gam(2)=I*pd(sigma(2),sigma(2)),
gam(3)=I*pd(sigma(2),sigma(3)),
gam(0)=pd(sigma(1),1),gam(5)=-pd(sigma(3),1));
> define(comu,comu(a::algebraic,b::algebraic)=a &p b - b &p a);
```

The next program-lines are in GRTensorII environment. For this is necessary to load previously the GRTensorII package and then to load the corresponding metric (with **qload(...)** command. It follows then:

These are a sequence of commands in GRTensorII for defining the $SL(2,\mathbb{C})$ generators S^{ij} (as the tensor $SS\{\hat{a}^b\}$) using formula (3.4) and for the calculus of Christoffel symbols in an orthonormal frame base (Chr(bdn,bdn)). Here is active one of the main advantages of MAPLE+GRTensorII platform, namely the possibility of the calculus of the tensor components both in a general reference frame or in an anholonomic orthonormal frame which is vital for our purpose of construction the Dirac equation.

Next we have to define, as two vectors the Dirac- γ matrices (assigned as the contravariant vector $\mathbf{ga}\{ \hat{a} \}$ and the derivatives of the wave function ψ (assigned as the covariant vector $\mathbf{Psid}\{ \mathbf{a} \}$ in order to use the facilities of GRTensorII to manipulate with indices :

The next step defines a term which will be the term $\frac{i}{2}S^{\rho\mu}\Gamma_{\nu\rho\mu}$ from equation 3.9 :

```
> grdef('de{ i }:=(I/2)*SS{ ^a ^b }*Chr{ (i) (a) (b) }');
> grcalc(de(dn));grdisplay(de(dn));
```

Observing that the components of $\mathbf{de}\{i\}$ are polynoms containing direct products $\mathbf{pd}(...)$ of Pauli matrices and the fact that the product between γ^{ν} and $\frac{i}{2}S^{\rho\mu}\Gamma_{\nu\rho\mu}$ from equation 3.8 is, in fact the special product &p we have to obtain the term $\gamma^{\nu}S^{\rho\mu}\Gamma_{\nu\rho\mu}$ (denoted below with the operator \mathbf{dd}) by a special MAPLE sequence which in fact split the components of $\mathbf{de}\{i\}$ in monomial terms and then execute the corresponding &p product, finally reconstructing the \mathbf{dd} operator:

```
a0:=expand(grcomponent(de(dn),[t]));a00:=0;
> u0:=whattype(a0);u0; nops(a0);
> if u0='+' then for i from 1 to nops(a0) do
        a00:=a00+I*h*grcomponent(ga(up),[t]) &p op(i,a0) od else
        a00:=I*h*grcomponent(ga(up),[t]) &p a0 fi; a00;

> a1:=expand(grcomponent(de(dn),[x]));a11:=0;
> u1:=whattype(a1);u1;
> nops(a1);
> if u1='+' then for i from 1 to nops(a1) do
        a11:=a11+I*h*grcomponent(ga(up),[x]) &p op(i,a1) od else
        a11:=I*h*grcomponent(ga(up),[x]) &p a1 fi;a11;
```

```
> grdef('dd'); grcalc(dd);
> a00+a11+a22+a33;
> grdisplay(dd);
Finally the Dirac equation is obtained as:
> grdef('dirac:=
           I*h*ga{ ^1 }*Psid{ (1) } + dd*psi(x,t) - m*c*psi(x,t)');
> grcalc(dirac);
> grdisplay(dirac);
In order to obtain the Dirac equation in a more comprehensible form
we have the next sequence of MAPLE commands (similar to the recon-
struction rec procedure from the REDUCE program:
> define('gen');
> define('gama');
> grmap(dirac,subs,pd(sigma(1),1)=gama(0),pd(sigma(2),1)=-I*gama(0)*
gama(5), pd(sigma(3), 1) = -gama(5), pd(1, sigma(1)) = 2*gen(2, 3), pd(1, sigma(1)) = 2*gen
sigma(2))=2*gen(3,1),pd(1,sigma(3))=2*gen(1,2),pd(sigma(2),sigma(1))=
-I*gama(1),pd(sigma(2),sigma(2))=-I*gama(2),pd(sigma(2),sigma(3))=
-1*gama(3),pd(sigma(1),sigma(1))=gama(1)*gama(5),pd(sigma(1),sigma(2))=
```

where, of course, as in REDUCE version, the operators **gen** and **gama** does not represent a complete algebra.

sigma(3))=2*I*gen(0,3),'x');

> grdisplay(dirac);

gama(2)*gama(5),pd(sigma(1),sigma(3))=gama(3)*gama(5),pd(sigma(3), sigma(1))=2*I*gen(0,1),pd(sigma(3),sigma(2))=2*I*gen(0,2),pd(sigma(3),

3.5 Dirac equation on spacetimes with torsion and computer algebra

We shall present here how we adapted the already presented in the previous section our MAPLE+GRTensorII programs in order to calculate the Dirac equation on space-times with torsion.

The geometrical frame for General Relativity is a Riemannian space—time but one very promising generalization is the Riemann–Cartan geometry which (i) is the most natural generalization of a Riemannian geometry by allowing a non–symmetric metric–compatible connection, (ii) treats spin on the same level as mass as it is indicated by the group theoretical analysis of the Poincaré group, and (iii) arises in most gauge theoretical approaches to General Relativity, as e.g. in the Poincaré—gauge theory or supergravity [26],[27]. However, till now there is no experimental evidence for torsion. On the other hand, from the lack of effects which may be due to torsion one can calculate estimates on the maximal strength of the torsion fields [30]. In this aspect we think that is possible, using computer algebra facilities to approach new theoretical aspects on matter fields (for example the Dirac field) behavior on spacetimes with torsion in order to point out new gravitational effects and experiments at microscopic level.

A metric compatible connection components in a Riemann-Cartan theory is related to the torsion components by (see [26] - eq. (1.18))

$$\Gamma_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \tilde{\Gamma}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} - \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(C_{\alpha\beta\gamma} - C_{\beta\gamma\alpha} + C_{\gamma\alpha\beta} \right) - \left(T_{\alpha\beta\gamma} - T_{\beta\gamma\alpha} + T_{\gamma\alpha\beta} \right) \right]$$
(3.10)

where $\tilde{\Gamma}_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ are the components of the riemannian connection, $C_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ is the object of anholonomicity and $T_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ are the components of the torsion. The idea is to replace the connection components from the covariant derivative appearing in eqs. (3.8-3.9) with the above ones, of course after calculating then in an orthonormal anholonomic reference frame suitable for calculation of the Dirac equation. Thus the sequence for calculating the $\mathbf{de}\{\mathbf{dn}\}$ operator (see above) should be replaced with

where the new connection components $\mathbf{CHRa}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$ are now defined by the sequence

```
> grdef('ee{ a ^b }:= w1{ ^b }*kdelta{ a $x }
```

and the rest of the routines are unchanged. The only problem remains now to introduce in an adequate way the components of the torsion tensor. We used a suggestion from [26] pointing that we can assume that the 2-form T^{α} associated to the torsion tensor should have the same pattern as the $d\theta^{\alpha}$'s where θ^{α} is the orthonormal coframe, who's components are denoted in GRTensorII with $\mathbf{w1}\{\mathbf{dn}\}$... $\mathbf{w4}\{\mathbf{dn}\}$. Thus this operation it is possible only after we introduced the metric (with \mathbf{qload} command). Calculating then the derivatives of the orthonormal frame vector basis components we can introduce the torsion components by inspecting carefully these derivatives. Here is an example of how this is possible in MAPLE+GRTensorII using one of the metric examples presented in the next section:

```
> grdisplay(tor(up,dn,dn));
> grcalc(tor(bup,bdn,bdn));
> grdisplay(tor(bup,bdn,bdn));
```

The reader can observe that we first assigned the components of the torsion tensor (here denoted with $tor\{up,dn,dn\}$) then after displaying his components we calculate to substitute new functions describing the torsion instead of the functions describing the metric. Of course finally we calculate the components of the torsion in an orthonormal anholonomic reference frame ($tor\{bup,bdn,bd\}$).

3.6 New results

This section is devoted to a list of more recent results we obtained by running our procedures in MAPLE+GRTensorII already described in the previous sections. First we tested our programs by re-obtaining the form of the Dirac equations in several spacetime metrics we already obtained with REDUCE+EXCALC procedures and reported in our articles [32]-[33]. The concordance of these results with the previous ones was a good sign for us to proceed with more complicated and new examples, including ones with torsion. Here we shall present some of these examples.

1. Conformally static metric with Φ and Σ constant where the line element is :

$$ds^2 = e^{2\Phi t + 2\Sigma} a(r)^2 dr^2 + e^{2\Phi t + 2\Sigma} r^2 d\theta^2 + e^{2\Phi t + 2\Sigma} r^2 \, \sin(\theta)^2 d\phi^2 - e^{2\Phi t + 2\Sigma} b(r)^2 dt^2$$

Thus the Dirac equation becomes:

$$\begin{split} i\hbar e^{-\Phi t - \Sigma} \left[\gamma^1 \left(\frac{1}{a(r)} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{2a(r)b(r)} b'(r) - \frac{1}{a(r)r} \right) + \gamma^2 \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r \sin(\theta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right. \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2r} \cot g(\theta) \right) + \frac{1}{b(r)} \gamma^0 \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right) \right] \psi - mc\psi = 0 \end{split}$$

where b'(r) is the derivative $\partial b(r)/\partial r$.

2. Taub-NUT spacetime having the line element as:

$$\begin{split} ds^2 &= -4l^2 U(t) dy^2 - 8l^2 U(t) \, \cos(\theta) dy d\phi - (t^2 + l^2) d\theta^2 \\ &\quad + (-4l^2 U(t) \, \cos(\theta)^2 - (t^2 + l^2) \, \sin(\theta)^2) d\phi^2 + \frac{1}{U(t)} dt^2 \end{split}$$

the coordinates being (y,θ,phi,t) . We obtained the Dirac equation as :

$$\frac{i\hbar}{t^2 + l^2} \left[-\gamma^0 \left(\frac{t^2 + l^2}{4\sqrt{U(t)}} U'(t) + \sqrt{U(t)} \left(1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \right) - \cot g(\theta) \sqrt{t^2 + l^2} \gamma^2 \right] \psi(t) - mc\psi(t) = 0$$

3. Gödel spacetime, having the line element as:

$$ds^{2} = -a^{2}dx^{2} + \frac{1}{2}a^{2}e^{2x}dy^{2} + 2a^{2}e^{x}cdydt - a^{2}dz^{2} + a^{2}c^{2}dt^{2}$$

in coordinates (x, y, z, t). Here the Dirac equation is simply:

$$i\hbar \frac{1}{a} \left[-\gamma^1 \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) + \sqrt{2}\gamma^2 \left(e^{-x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) - \gamma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right] \psi(x, y, z, t) - mc\psi(x, y, z, t) = 0$$

4. McCrea static spacetime [26] with torsion having the line element as

$$ds^2 = -e^{2f(x)}dt^2 + dx^2 + e^{2g(x)}dy^2 + e^{2h(x)}dz^2$$

in (x,y,z,t) coordinates. If the coordinate lines of y are closed with $0 \le y < 2\pi$ and $-\infty < z < \infty$, $0 < x < \infty$, the spacetime is cylindrically with y as the angular, x the cylindrical radial and z the longitudinal coordinate. If $-\infty, x, y, z < \infty$ the symmetry is pseudo-planar. In [26] McCrea considers the simplest solution of Einstein equations with cosmological constant as

$$f = h = h = qx/3 (3.11)$$

and the cosmological constant turns to be $q^2/3$. We shall first consider the general case specializing the results at the final step of the program

to the above particular solution. Running our MAPLE+GRTensorII procedures first we obtain the torsion tensor component as:

$$T_{yx}^{y} = \frac{\partial v2(x)}{\partial x}e^{v2(x)} \; ; \; T_{zx}^{z} = \frac{\partial v3(x)}{\partial x}e^{v3(x)} \; ; \; T_{tx}^{t} = \frac{\partial v4(x)}{\partial x}e^{v4(x)}$$

the rest of the components being zero. This time we have obtained the Dirac equation, depending also on the components of the torsion tensor as:

$$i\hbar \frac{1}{2}\gamma^{1} \left(e^{v2(x)} \frac{\partial v2(x)}{\partial x} + e^{v3(x)} \frac{\partial v3(x)}{\partial x} + e^{v4(x)} \frac{\partial v4(x)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\partial h(x)}{\partial x} + 2\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \psi(x) - mc\psi(x) = 0$$

Of course when we specialize to the particular solution proposed by McCrea in [6] we have to assign the form of metric functions as in (3.11) and we can then take the torsion functions as

$$v2 = v3 = v4 = v(x)$$

and the Dirac equation becomes

$$i\hbar\gamma^{1}\left(\frac{3}{2}\frac{\partial v(x)}{\partial x}e^{v(x)} - \frac{1}{2}q + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)\psi(x) - mc\psi(x) = 0$$

5 Schwarzschild metric with torsion. This example it is interesting in view of recent investigations on the contribution of torsion in gravity experiments using atomic interferometry [30]. Here we used the Schwarzschild metric having the line element written as

$$ds^{2} = e^{\lambda(r)}dr^{2} + r^{2}d\theta^{2} + r^{2}\sin(\theta)^{2}d\phi^{2} - e^{\nu(r)}dt^{2}$$

Here we preferred to specialize the form of $\lambda(r)$ and $\nu(r)$ functions as

$$\nu(r) = 1 - \frac{2m}{r} = \frac{1}{\lambda(r)}$$

(here we have G = c = 1) later after obtaining the form of the Dirac equation in term of $\lambda(r)$ and $\nu(r)$ functions.

Using the same "trick" as in the previous example, we choose the components of the torsion tensor as

$$T_{rr}^{r} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial f1(r)}{\partial r} e^{1/2f1(r)} \; ; \; T_{\theta r}^{\theta} = 1 \; ; \; T_{\phi r}^{\phi} = sin(\theta)$$

$$T_{tr}^{t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial f2(r)}{\partial r} e^{1/2f2(r)} ; \quad T_{\phi\theta}^{\phi} = r \cos(\theta)$$

the rest of the components being zero. Running away our procedures we obtain the Dirac equation containing terms with torsion tensor components as :

$$\begin{split} i\hbar \left[\frac{1}{4} e^{-\lambda(r)/2} \gamma^1 \left(\frac{\partial f2(r)}{\partial r} e^{f2(r)/2} - \frac{\partial \nu(r)}{\partial r} - \frac{4}{r} + 2(1 + \sin(\theta)) + 4 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \\ \frac{1}{2} \gamma^2 (\cos(\theta) - \cot g(\theta)) \right] \psi(r) - m \psi(r) = 0 \end{split}$$

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